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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.), OGEN

SUBJECT: ODDS AND ENDS

1. I HAVE TALKED TO ANNE ARMSTRONG AND TOLD HER THAT SHE WAS TO USE HER OWN JUDGMENT AS TO WHETHER SHE WAS IN LONDON FOR THE MEETINGS ON THE 4TH. SHE HAS SAID THAT UNLESS YOU OBJECT VIOLENTLY SHE WILL STAY IN CAMBRIDGE FOR MEETINGS ON THE 4TH AND ASK RON SPIERS TO SIT IN FOR HER ON YOUR LONDON MEETINGS.
2. THANKS TO BRILLIANT EFFORTS ON MY PART B'NAI B'RITH HAS HAPPILY ACCEPTED ROY ATHERTON TO FILL IN FOR YOU. I GOT THEM OFF THE ROCKEFELLER THING FAR MORE EASILY THAN I EXPECTED I WOULD.
3. I TALKED TO AMBASSADOR BOTHA TODAY AND PASSED ON YOUR MESSAGE (I SHALL NOT DETAIL IT IN THIS CABLE). I WILL TELL YOU MORE PRECISELY WHAT I SAID WHEN YOU RETURN. BOTHA WAS
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QUITE UNDERSTANDING AND SAID HE THOUGHT HE COULD CONTAIN

SOUTH AFRICAN REACTION.

4. THE NOMINATION OF TOON FOR MOSCOW WENT TO THE WHITE HOUSE TODAY.

5. BOB MCCLOSKEY IS SENDING YOU A MORE DETAILED REPORT ON CONG DIGGS' COMMENTS ON YOUR AFRICAN TRIP. DIGGS PURPORTEDLY WAS SPEAKING FOR THE BLACK CAUCUS. MY PERSONAL VIEW IS THAT THIS DEPARTMENT OUGHT TO RELEASE A VERY REPEAT VERY STRONG STATEMENT TOMORROW IN REACTION TO DIGGS COMMENTS. IT OUGHT TO CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TRIP IS TO DO EVERYTHING THE USG CAN TO FURTHER THE CAUSE OF THE TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND THE COMMENTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS SEEKING TO SERVE THEIR OWN NARROW ENDS WILL NOT DETER YOU FROM THAT EFFORT;

(B) YOU HAVE MADE CRYSTAL CLEAR USG ATTITUDES TOWARD THE REPRESSIVE ACTS OF WHITE GOVERNMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. ON THE OTHER HAND, UNREASONED AND UNREASONING STATEMENTS WHICH FAIL TO RECOGNIZE THE COMPLEXITY OF THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED DO NOT SERVE THE CAUSE OF RATIONAL DISCOURSE AND MAY WELL ENCOURAGE BLOODSHED, REVOLUTION AND ECONOMIC COLLAPSE;

(C) THE CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS HAS BEEN NOTICEABLY RELUCTANT TO EXPRESS ITSELF IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS WITH REGARD TO U.S. INITIATIVES IN AFRICA AND THIS CURRENT EXPRESSION OF DISPLEASURE -- APPARENTLY LARGELY TRIGGERED BY DISCONTENT OVER THE FACT THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN SUFFICIENTLY CONSULTED -- CAN ONLY SERVE TO ENCOURAGE INTRANSIGENCE AND MAY WELL LEAD TO THE UNNECESSARY LOSS OF LIFE.

I WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES CALL DIGGS.

6. ON THE SUBJECT OF DIGGS, I VERY MUCH HOPE TO HAVE A CHANCE TO TALK TO YOU ON THE 'PHONE ABOUT A CONVERSATION I HAD WITH CLEM ZABLOCKI TONIGHT, RELATING TO WAYNE HAYS' SECRET

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RESIGNATION.

7. AS YOU HAVE SEEN, I SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF TIME THIS MORNING BEATING UP ON SIMCHA DINITZ. AFTER THAT WAS OVER, SIMCHA ASKED ME TO TELL YOU THAT WITH REGARD TO THE PRIVATE COMMENTS YOU MADE TO HIM ON THE PLO AND THE

PANAMA CAPER, DINITZ HAS TALKED TO RABIN. RABIN HAS

SUGGESTED THAT SIMCHA NOT RETURN TO YOU FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THESE TWO MATTERS UNTIL AFTER HE HAS COME BACK FROM CONSULTATION IN ISRAEL (HE IS EXPECTED BACK ON THE 23D), PROVIDED THAT YOU INTEND NO ANSWER ON THE PLO QUESTION UNTIL SIMCHA CAN DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH YOU. IN OTHER WORDS, DINITZ IS TENTATIVELY WITHDRAWING HIS

REQUEST TO SEE YOU BEFORE YOU LEAVE FOR YOUR EUROPE/AFRICA TRIP SO LONG AS WE CAN GIVE HIM SOME GUARANTEE THAT NOTHING WILL HAPPEN ON THE PLO UNTIL YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO TALK WITH HIM LATER THIS MONTH. ROBINSON

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